

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace the prior version, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (withdrawn): Commercially viable method for enhancing the isolation of glabridin from the roots of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* L., the method comprising a) treating *Glycyrrhiza glabra* (licorice) roots with at least one organic solvent or supercritical fluid to produce an extract containing glabridin, b) using non-chromatographic separation methods to obtain glabridin of purity 4 wt% to 90 wt% from the above extract.

Claim 2: (canceled)

Claim 3: (canceled)

Claim 4: (canceled)

Claim 5: (canceled)

Claim 6: (currently amended) A composition containing Glabridin of claim 1 as tyrosinase inhibitor[$[\cdot]$] in a concentration of 0.1% to 3% w/w, ~~preferably in a concentration of 0.1% to 0.5% w/w of the composition~~[$[\cdot]$] in combination with at least one other tyrosinase inhibitor, the total concentration of tyrosinase inhibitors being 0.1% w/w to about 5% w/w, ~~preferably 0.1% to about 0.5% w/w of the composition~~[$[\cdot]$] with or without added antioxidants, agents that support skin texture, sunscreen agents, and natural sunscreen boosters, in a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The composition in claim 6, containing Glabridin and one or more tyrosinase inhibitors selected from Tetrahydrocurcumin, Tetrahydrodemethoxycurcumin, Tetrahydrobisdemethoxycurcumin, Curcumin, Demethoxycurcumin, Bisdemethoxycurcumin.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): The composition in claim 6, wherein the tyrosinase inhibitors are glabridin and soy isoflavones.

Claim 9 (withdrawn): The composition of claim 6, wherein the tyrosinase inhibitors are glabridin and ellagic acid.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): The composition of claim 6, wherein the tyrosinase inhibitors are Glabridin and ethyl-p-methoxycinnamate from *Kaempferia galanga* extract.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The composition of claim 6, wherein the said antioxidants include one or more of the following natural extracts: rosemary extract, grape seed extract, Terminalia chebula extract, amla (*Embllica officinalis*) extract, Withania somnifera extract [[,]] or tomato extract.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): The composition of claim 6, wherein the said antioxidants include one or more of the following isolated compounds: rosmarinic acid, carnosic acid, rosmanol, escin, esculetin, green tea catechins, emblicanins, carotenoids, epicatechin, epicatechin gallate, epigallocatechin gallate, tannic acid, ascorbyl monopalmitate, decarboxycarnosine hydrochloride, gamma oryzanol, tocopherol and tocotrienols.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The composition of claim 6, wherein the said sunscreen is selected from the group consisting of Titanium dioxide, zinc oxide.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The composition of claim 6, wherein the said sunscreen is selected from octyl methoxycinnamate, octyl salicylate.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The composition of claim 6, wherein the said sunscreen is selected from Avobenzone, dioxybenzone, sulisobenzene, oxybenzone.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The composition of claim 6, wherein the said natural sunscreen booster is selected from: ethyl-p-methoxycinnamate, Kaempferia galanga extract, isoamyl-p-methoxycinnamate, pongamol, anacardic acid, ginkgolic acid esters.

Claim 17 (original): The composition of claim 6, wherein the composition is in the form of a cream, lotion, gel and/or oil.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A method of facilitating skin fairness or improving the appearance of the skin, by decreasing melanin synthesis through application of the compositions of claim 6 to areas of the skin with hyperpigmentation, melasma, age spots [[,]] or freckles.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A method of providing better appearance to the skin under the eyes, neck, armpits and/or removing blemishes [[/]] and blackheads through application of the compositions of claim 6.

Claim 20 (previously presented) : A method of protecting the skin against the adverse effects of environmental factors such as UV rays, smoke or fog, the method comprising applying to the skin the composition of claim 6.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A method of protecting the skin against sun damage and facilitating skin fairness and improved appearance, the method comprising applying to the skin the composition of claim 6.